

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, UK, NL

SUBJECT: MERCURY CONTENT IN CANNED TUNA

REF: A) LONDON 1896; B) LONDON 2596

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS),  
NOAA, COMMERCE HAS REVIEWED MATTER IN REFTELS WITH  
NMFS QUALITY CONTROL SPECIALISTS AND CONTACTED  
MR. ESVELDT. REGULATIONS ON PERMISSIBLE MERCURY  
CONTENT OF CANNED TUNA PRODUCTS ARE RESPONSIBILITY  
OF FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (HEW). ESVELDT GOT  
IN TOUCH WITH FDA COMPLIANCE OFFICIALS IN LOS ANGELES  
MORE THAN A WEEK AGO AND HAS FILED APPROPRIATE FORMS.  
FDA WASHINGTON IS PRESENTLY CHECKING ON STATUS OF  
ESVELDT'S REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SHIP CONSIGNMENT  
TO THE NETHERLANDS.

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2. PROBLEM ARISES FROM FACT THAT TUNA WAS SENT TO  
CANADA, WHERE IT WAS REFUSED, BEFORE COMING BACK  
TO UNITED STATES. TECHNICALLY, THE CONSIGNMENT IS  
CONSIDERED AN "IMPORT" AND HAS BEEN DETAINED. VANCE

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## Message Attributes

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